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For: DUAL DAMASCENE FLOWABLE OXIDE INSULATION STRUCTURE  
AND METALLIC BARRIER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee of the above identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

After the title please insert --This application is a division of U.S. Patent application S.N. 09/408,351 filed September 29, 1999.--

In the claims:

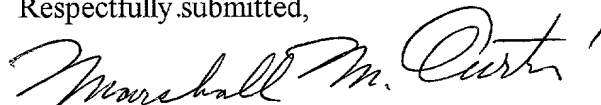
Please cancel claims 1-26.

**REMARKS:**

Early and favorable action on claims 27 - 31 is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,



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